

# Representations of the braid group $B_n$ and the highest weight modules of $U(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$ and $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$

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## Abstract

In [1] we have constructed a  $\left[\frac{n+1}{2}\right] + 1$  parameters family of irreducible representations of the Braid group  $B_3$  in arbitrary dimension  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , using a  $q$ -deformation of the Pascal triangle. This construction extends in particular results by S.P. Humphries (2000), who constructed representations of the braid group  $B_3$  in arbitrary dimension using the classical Pascal triangle. E. Ferrand (2000) obtained an equivalent representation of  $B_3$  by considering two special operators in the space  $\mathbb{C}^n[X]$ . Slightly more general representations were given by I. Tuba and H. Wenzl (2001). They involve  $\left[\frac{n+1}{2}\right]$  parameters (and also use the classical Pascal's triangle). The latter authors also gave the complete classification of all simple representations of  $B_3$  for dimension  $n \leq 5$ . Our construction generalize all mentioned results and throws a new light on some of them. We also study the irreducibility and equivalence of the constructed representations.

In the present article we show that all representations constructed in [1] may be obtained by taking exponent of the highest weight modules of  $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  and  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ . *We generalize these connections* between the representation of the braid group  $B_n$  and the highest weight modules of the  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$  *for arbitrary  $n$  using the well-known reduced Burau representations.*

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# 1 Introduction. Braid group representations

Our *aim* is to describe the *dual*  $\hat{B}_n$  of the *braid group*  $B_n$ . It is natural to compare the *representation theory* of the *symmetric group*  $S_n$  and of the braid group  $B_n$ . We know almost everything about representation theory of the symmetric group  $S_n$ . We know the description of the *dual*  $\hat{S}_n$  in terms of *Young diagrams*. We know even the *Plancherel measure* on  $\hat{S}_n$ . The *Young graph* explains how to decompose the restriction  $\pi|_{S_{n-1}}$  of the representation  $\pi \in \hat{S}_n$ , etc.

The braid groups  $B_n$  are *defined* by the generators  $\sigma_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  and by the relations  $\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$ ,  $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_i \sigma_j$  for  $|i-j| \geq 2$ . The *dual*  $\hat{B}_n$  of the group  $B_n$  is *known* only for the *commutative case* when  $n=2$ . In this case  $B_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}$  hence  $\hat{B}_2 \cong S^1$ . The *representation theory* for the braid groups  $B_n$  is much more *complicated* than for  $S_n$ . The *reason* is the following. In the case of the group  $S_n$  we have the essential (*quadratic*) relation  $\sigma_i^2 = 1$ , hence  $Sp(\pi(\sigma_i)) \subseteq \{-1, 1\}$ . In the case of the group  $B_n$  we do not have these conditions. Since  $\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$  we have  $Sp(\pi(\sigma_i)) = Sp(\pi(\sigma_{i+1}))$ , but the *spectra*  $Sp(\pi(\sigma_i))$  may be almost *arbitrary*.

The *Hecke algebra*  $H_n(q)$  see f.e.[15] appears as the factor algebra of the group algebra of the group  $B_n$  subject to the following *quadratic relation*  $\sigma_i^2 = (q-1)\sigma_i + q$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , hence  $Sp(\pi(\sigma_i)) \subseteq \{-1, q\}$  and  $H_n(q) \cong \mathbb{C}[S_n]$ . This is a reason why the representation theory of Hecke algebras is well developed.

The *next step* is to impose the *polynomial condition*  $p_k(\sigma_i) = 0$  on the generators  $\sigma_i$  where  $k$  is the order of the polynomial  $p_k(x)$ . For  $k=3$  the corresponding algebra is called *Birman–Murakami–Wenzl type algebra* or simple BMW algebra see [26, 32] (see also [27] ) and so on.

The situation becomes much more complicated if no additional conditions on the spectra are imposed. We *shall study* this *general case* for .

In [29] I.Tuba and H.Wenzl gave the *complete classification* of all *simple representations* of  $B_3$  for *dimension*  $\leq 5$ .

In [12] E.Formanek et al. gave the *complete classification* of all *simple representations* of  $B_n$  for *dimension*  $\leq n$ .

We *generalize the results* I.Tuba and H.Wenzl for  $B_3$ , give *new representations* of  $B_n$  for *large dimension* and establish *connection* between the representations of  $B_n$  and the *highest weight modules* of the *quantum group*

$U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$ .

More precisely, in the work [1] with S. Albeverio we have constructed a  $\left[\frac{n+1}{2}\right] + 1$  parameter family of irreducible representations of the braid group  $B_3$  in arbitrary dimension  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , using a *q-deformation of the Pascal triangle*. This construction extends in particular results by S.P. Humphries [14], I. Tuba and H. Wenzl [29], and E. Ferrand [11]. The *irreducibility* and the *equivalence* of the constructed representations is studied. For example the representations corresponding to different  $q$  and  $n$  are *nonequivalent*.

In this article we show that there is a striking *connection* between these *representations* of  $B_3$  and a highest weight modules of the *quantum group*  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ , a one-parameter *deformation of the universal enveloping algebra*  $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ . The starting point for all these considerations is some homomorphism  $\rho_3$  of the braid group  $B_3$  into  $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$  :

$$\rho_3 : B_3 \mapsto \mathfrak{sl}_2 \xrightarrow{\exp} \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\exp} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\exp} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The constructed representations may be treated as the *q-symmetric power* of this *fundamental representation* or as an appropriate *q-exponential* of the highest weight modules of  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ .

We generalize these connections between the representation of the braid group  $B_n$  and the highest weight modules of the  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$  for arbitrary  $n$  using the well-known *reduced Burau representation*  $b_n^{(t)}$  see c.f. [15]. We note that in particular  $\rho_3 = b_3^{(-1)}$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the Lie algebra defined by a Cartan matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and let  $\mathbf{B}$  be the corresponding braid group. Denote by  $\mathbf{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  the quantized enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  over the field  $\mathbb{C}(v)$ , and let  $V$  be the integrable  $\mathbf{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module. In [24] G. Lusztig defined a natural action of  $\mathbf{B}$  on  $V$  which permutes the weight space of  $V$  according to the action of the Weyl group on the weights. This rather *general but different approach* allows us also to construct the irreducible representations of the braid group  $\mathbf{B}$  (see [22]).

## 0. Definition of the Artin braid group $B_n$

$$B_n = \langle (\sigma_i)_{i=1}^{n-1} \mid \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}, \quad \sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_i \sigma_j, \quad |i - j| \geq 2 \rangle.$$

$B_n = \pi_1(X)$  is the *fundamental group*  $\pi_1$  of the *configuration space*  $X = \{\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \Delta\} / S_n$  where  $\Delta = \{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \mid x_i = z_j \text{ for some } i \neq j\}$  and the group  $S_n$  act freely on  $\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \Delta$  by permuting coordinates.

A **BRAID** on  $n$  strings is a collection of curves in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  joining  $n$  points in a horizontal plane to the  $n$  points directly below them on another horizontal plane. Operation: concatenation.

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}, \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}, \quad \sigma_{n-1} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array} \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}$$

*Knot theory* : Alexander, Jones, HOMFLYPT, Kauffman polynomials.

Respectively: *Temperley-Lieb*, *Hecke*, *BMW* algebras.

*Geometry*, *physics* etc.

*Relation with the symmetric group  $S_n$*  :  $\sigma_i^2 = 1$

$$\sigma_i^2 = 1 \Rightarrow Sp(\rho(\sigma_i)) \subseteq \{-1, 1\}$$

$$Rep(S_n) \quad Rep(B_n)?$$

$$\hat{S}_n = \{\text{Young diagrams}\}, \quad \text{Plancherel measure on } \hat{S}_n.$$

The *Young graph* explains how to *decompose the restriction*  $\rho|_{S_{n-1}}$  of the representation  $\rho \in \hat{S}_n$ , etc.

$$\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \Rightarrow Sp(\rho(\sigma_i)) = Sp(\rho(\sigma_{i+1})).$$

The *Hecke algebra* is defined by

$$H_n(q) = \langle \sigma_i \rangle_{i=1}^{n-1} \mid \dots \sigma_i^2 = (q-1)\sigma_i + q, \quad p_2(\sigma_i) = 0,$$

hence  $Sp(\rho(\sigma_i)) \subseteq \{-1, q\}$  and  $H_n(q) \cong \mathbb{C}[S_n]$ .

1. **Definition**  $B_3 = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \mid \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ .

2. **Homomorphism**  $\rho : B_3 \mapsto \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ ,

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 = (\sigma_1^{-1})^\sharp.$$

3.  $B_3/Z(B_3) \simeq \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

4. **P. Humphries result, Pascal's triangle**

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n), \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2(1, n).$$

5. **Ferrand result**  $\Phi_n, \Psi_n \in \text{End } \mathbb{C}^n[X]$ .

6. **Tubo-Wenzl example**

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n)\Lambda_n, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \Lambda_n^\sharp \sigma_2(1, n), \quad \Lambda_n \Lambda_n^\sharp = cI.$$

7. **Tubo - Wenzl classifications of  $B_3 - \text{mod}$ ,  $\dim V \leq 5$ .**

8. **Generalizations**

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\Lambda(q, n) := \sigma_1(q, n)D_n(q)^\sharp \Lambda_n,$$

$$\sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\Lambda(q, n) := \Lambda_n^\sharp D_n(q) \sigma_2(q, n),$$

$$\text{where } \sigma_2(q, n) = (\sigma_1^{-1}(q^{-1}, n))^\sharp, \quad \Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_r)_{r=0}^n, \quad \Lambda_n \Lambda_n^\sharp = cI,$$

$$D_n(q) = \text{diag}(q_r)_{r=0}^n, \quad q_r = q^{\frac{(r-1)r}{2}}, \quad r, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

9. **The connection between  $\text{Rep}(B_3)$  and  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)\text{-mod}$ .**

10. **The Burau representation**  $\rho_n : B_n \mapsto \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$ .

11. **Lowrence-Kramer representations**

12. **Generalization of 8 and 9 for  $B_n$ .**

13. **Formanek classifications of  $B_n - \text{mod}$ , for  $\dim V \leq n$ .**

1.  $B_3 = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \mid \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rangle$ .
2.  $\rho : B_3 \mapsto \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ ,

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3.  $B_3/Z(B_3) \simeq \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Hint: **the Pascal triangle**,  $\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_2?$   $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\sigma_1(1, 2) := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_1^{-1}(1, 2)^\# := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Notations the **central symmetry**:

$$A^\# := (A^t)^s, \quad A^\# = (a_{ij}^\#), \quad a_{ij}^\# = a_{n-i, n-j},$$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, 2), \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2(1, 2) := \sigma_1^{-1}(1, 2)^\#.$$

4. **P. Humphries**, [14] representations of  $B_3$  in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n), \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2(1, n) := \sigma_1^{-1}(1, n)^\#. \quad (1)$$

5. **Ferrand result**, [11].  $\Phi_n, \Psi_n \in \text{End } \mathbb{C}^n[X] : \Phi_n \Psi_n \Phi_n = \Psi_n \Phi_n \Psi_n$ .

$$(\Phi_n p)(X) := p(X + 1), \quad (\Psi_n p)(X) := (1 - X)^n p(X/(1 - X)).$$

6. **Tubo-Wenzl example** [29]: representations  $\sigma^\Lambda(1, n)$  of  $B_3$  in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n) \Lambda_n, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \Lambda_n^\# \sigma_2(1, n), \quad (2)$$

conditions on the complex diagonal matrix  $\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  are the following:

$$\Lambda_n \Lambda_n^\# = cI, \quad c \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (3)$$

### 7. Turbo - Wenzl classifications of $B_3 - \text{mod}$ , $\dim V \leq 5$ .

See [29]. Let  $V$  be a simple  $B_3$  module of dimension  $n = 2, 3$ . Then there exist a basis for  $V$  for which  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  act as follows ( $\lambda = (\lambda_k)_k$ ) for  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$

$$\sigma_1^\lambda := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_1 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2^\lambda := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 & 0 \\ -\lambda_2 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_1 \lambda_3 \lambda_2^{-1} + \lambda_2 & \lambda_2 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_2 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\lambda := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_3 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_2 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ \lambda_2 & -\lambda_1 \lambda_3 \lambda_2^{-1} - \lambda_2 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

Let us set  $D = \sqrt{\lambda_2 \lambda_3 / \lambda_1 \lambda_4}$ . All simple modules for  $n = 4$  are the following:

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & (1+D^{-1}+D^{-2})\lambda_2 & (1+D^{-1}+D^{-2})\lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & (1+D^{-1})\lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

$$\sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda_3 & \lambda_3 & 0 & 0 \\ D\lambda_2 & -(D+1)\lambda_2 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ -D^3\lambda_1 & (D^3+D^2+D)\lambda_1 & -(D^2+D+1)\lambda_1 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

Let us set  $\gamma = (\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 \lambda_5)^{1/5}$ . All simple modules for  $n = 5$  are the following:

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 (1 + \frac{\gamma^2}{\lambda_2 \lambda_4})(\lambda_2 + \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_3 \lambda_4}) & (\frac{\gamma^2}{\lambda_3} + \lambda_3 + \gamma)(1 + \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_5}{\gamma^2}) & (1 + \frac{\lambda_2 \lambda_4}{\gamma^2})(\lambda_3 + \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_2 \lambda_4}) & \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \frac{\gamma^2}{\lambda_3} + \lambda_3 + \gamma & \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} + \lambda_3 + \gamma & \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} + \lambda_3 & \frac{\gamma^3}{\lambda_1 \lambda_5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_4 & \lambda_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_5 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (8)$$

The formula for  $\sigma_2^\lambda$  was not given in [29].

**8. Equivalence of Tuba-Wenzl's representations in the case  $\dim \leq 5$  and our representations.**

General formulas for  $1 \leq n \leq 4$  gives us (we set  $q_r = q^{\frac{(r-1)r}{2}}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 &\mapsto \sigma_1^\Lambda := \sigma_1(q, n)\Lambda_n, & \sigma_2 &\mapsto \sigma_2^\Lambda := \Lambda_n^\# \sigma_2(q, n), \\ \Lambda_n \Lambda_n^\# &= \lambda_0 \lambda_n \Lambda_n(q), & \Lambda_n(q) &= q_n^{-1} D_n(q) D_n^\#(q), & D_n(q) &= \text{diag}(q_r)_{r=0}^n, \\ \lambda_r \lambda_{n-r} &= \lambda_0 \lambda_n q^{-(n-r)r}, & 0 &\leq r \leq n.\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

Let  $n = 1$  we have

$$\sigma_1^\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Lambda_1, \quad \sigma_2^\Lambda = \Lambda_1^\# \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $n = 2$ , conditions (9) gives us  $\Lambda_2 = \text{diag}(\lambda_r)_{r=0}^2$

$$\text{diag}(\lambda_0 \lambda_2, \lambda_1^2, \lambda_0 \lambda_2) = \lambda_0 \lambda_2 \text{diag}(1, q^{-1}, 1), \quad \text{so } q^{-1} = \lambda_1^2 / \lambda_0 \lambda_2.$$

$$\sigma_1^\Lambda(q, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1+q & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Lambda_2, \quad \sigma_2^\Lambda(q, 2) = \Lambda_2^\# \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ q^{-1} & -(1+q^{-1}) & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $n = 3$  conditions (9) gives us  $q^{-2} = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 / \lambda_0 \lambda_3$  for  $r = 1$ .

$$\sigma_1(q, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1+q+q^2 & 1+q+q^2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1+q & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\sigma_2(q, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ q^{-1} & -(1+q^{-1}) & 1 & 0 \\ -q^{-3} & q^{-1}(1+q^{-1}+q^{-2}) & -(1+q^{-1}+q^{-2}) & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $n = 4$  conditions (9) gives us  $q^{-3} = \lambda_1 \lambda_3 / \lambda_0 \lambda_4$  for  $r = 1$  and  $q^{-4} = \lambda_2^2 / \lambda_0 \lambda_4$  for  $r = 2$ .

$$\sigma_1(q) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (1+q)(1+q^2) & (1+q^2)(1+q+q^2) & (1+q)(1+q^2) & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1+q+q^2 & 1+q+q^2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1+q & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_4 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\sigma_2(q, 4) = (\sigma_1^{-1}(q^{-1}, 4))^\#.$$



$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1(1, n)\Lambda_n, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \Lambda_n^\# \sigma_2(1, n), \quad (2)$$

$$\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_r)_{r=0}^n, \quad \Lambda \Lambda^\# = cI, \quad c \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (3)$$

**8. Generalization** of (2) for  $q \neq 1$ , with the condition (3)

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\Lambda(q, n) := \sigma_1(q, n)D_n^\#(q)\Lambda_n, \quad \sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\Lambda(q, n) := \Lambda_n^\# D_n(q)\sigma_2(q, n), \quad (10)$$

$$\sigma_2(q, n) := \sigma_1^{-1}(q^{-1}, n)^\#, \quad D_n(q) = \text{diag}(q_r)_{r=0}^n, \quad q_r = q^{\frac{(r-1)r}{2}}, \quad (11)$$

where  $q$ -binomial coefficients or Gaussian polynomials are defined as follows

$$\binom{n}{k}_q := \frac{(n)!_q}{(k)!_q(n-k)!_q}, \quad [n]_q := \frac{[n]!_q}{[k]!_q[n-k]!_q} \quad (12)$$

corresponding to two forms of  $q$ -natural numbers, defined by

$$(n)_q := \frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1}, \quad [n]_q := \frac{q^n - q^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}. \quad (13)$$

**Theorem 1** [1] *The formulas (10)  $\sigma_1 \mapsto \sigma_1^\Lambda(q, n)$ ,  $\sigma_2 \mapsto \sigma_2^\Lambda(q, n)$  give the representation of  $B_3$ .*

**Theorem 2** [1] *The representation  $\sigma^\Lambda(q, n)$  defined by (10) generalize the Tubo-Wenzl representations for arbitrary  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Definition.** *We say that the representation is **subspace irreducible** or **irreducible** (resp. **operator irreducible**) when there no nontrivial invariant close subspaces for all operators of the representation (resp. there no nontrivial bounded operators commuting with all operators of the representation).*

Let us define for  $n, r, q, \lambda$  such that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq n$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ ,  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  the following operators

$$F_{r,n}(q, \lambda) = \exp_{(q)} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)_q E_{kk+1} \right) - q_{n-r} \lambda_r (D_n(q) \Lambda_n^\#)^{-1}, \quad (14)$$

where  $\exp_{(q)} X = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} X^m / (m)!_q$ . For the matrix  $C \in \text{Mat}(n+1, \mathbb{C})$  we denote by

$$M_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}(C), \quad (\text{resp. } A_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}(C)), \quad 0 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq n, \quad 0 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_r \leq n$$

its minors (resp. the cofactors) with  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r$  rows and  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_r$  columns.

**Theorem 3** [1] *The representation of the group  $B_3$  defined by (10) have the following properties:*

- 1) for  $q = 1$ ,  $\Lambda_n = 1$ , it is subspace irreducible in arbitrary dimension  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- 2) for  $q \neq 1$ ,  $\Lambda_n = \text{diag}(\lambda_k)_{k=0}^n \neq 1$  it is operator irreducible if and only if for any  $0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  there exists  $0 \leq i_0 < i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq n$  such that

$$M_{r+1r+2\dots n}^{i_0 i_1 \dots i_{n-r-1}}(F_{r,n}^s(q, \lambda)) \neq 0; \quad (15)$$

- 3) for  $q \neq 1$ ,  $\Lambda_n = 1$  it is subspace irreducible if and only if  $(n)_q \neq 0$ .  
The representation has  $\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor + 1$  free parameters.

### 9. The connection between $\text{Rep}(B_3)$ and $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)\text{-mod}$ .

The algebra  $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  is the associative algebra generated by three generators  $X, Y, H$  with the relations (7).

$$[H, X] = 2X, \quad [H, Y] = -2Y, \quad [X, Y] = H, \quad (16)$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{in } \mathfrak{sl}_2.$$

$U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  is the algebra generated by four variables  $E, F, K, K^{-1}$  with the relations

$$KK^{-1} = K^{-1}K = 1, \quad (17)$$

$$KEK^{-1} = q^2 E, \quad KFK^{-1} = q^{-2} F, \quad (18)$$

$$[E, F] = \frac{K - K^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} = \frac{q^H - q^{-H}}{q - q^{-1}}. \quad (19)$$

Comultiplication  $\Delta$ , counit  $\varepsilon$  and antipod  $S$  are as follows:

$$\Delta(E) = E \otimes K + 1 \otimes E, \quad \Delta(F) = F \otimes 1 + K^{-1} \otimes F, \quad \Delta(K) = K \otimes K,$$

$$S(K) = K^{-1}, \quad S(E) = -EK^{-1}, \quad S(F) = -KF,$$

$$\varepsilon(K) = 1, \quad \varepsilon(E) = \varepsilon(F) = 0.$$

All finite-dimensional  $U$ -module  $V$  being the highest weight module of highest weight  $\lambda$  are of the following form (see Kassel, [17, Theorem V.4.4.])

$$\rho(n)(X) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & n & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n-1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(n)(Y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & n & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\rho(n)(H) = \begin{pmatrix} n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n-2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & & \dots & -n+2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -n \end{pmatrix}.$$

where  $\lambda = \dim(V) - 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

All finite-dimensional  $U_q$ -module  $V$  being the highest weight module of highest weight  $\lambda$  are of the following form (see Kassel, [17, Theorem VI.3.5.]

$$\rho_{\varepsilon,n}(E) = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [n] & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [n-1] & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{\varepsilon,n}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [2] & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & [n] & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\rho_{\varepsilon,n}(K) = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} q^n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q^{n-2} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & & \dots & q^{-n+2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & q^{-n} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ ,  $\lambda = \varepsilon q^n$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**The main observation is the following:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \exp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (2)_q & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & (1)_q \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \exp_{(q)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (2)_q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1)_q \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & (2)_{q^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1)_{q^2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [2]_q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [1]_q \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \exp_{(q)} X := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m)!_q} X^m.$$

**Theorem 4** *For  $q = 1$  holds*

$$\sigma_1(1, n) = \exp(\rho(n)(X)), \quad \sigma_2(1, n) = \exp(\rho(n)(-Y)). \quad (20)$$

**Theorem 5** *For  $q \neq 1$  we have*

$$\sigma_1(q^2, n) D_n^\#(q^2) = \exp_{(q^2)}(q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(EK^{1/2})) D_n^\#(q^2), \quad (21)$$

$$D_n(q^2) \sigma_2(q^2, n) = \exp_{(q^2)}(-q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(FK^{-1/2})) D_n(q^2). \quad (22)$$

**Proof.** The two forms of  $q$ -natural numbers are connected as follows (see Kassel, [17])

$$[n] = q^{-(n-1)}(n)_{q^2}, \quad [n]! = q^{-(n-1)n/2}(n)!_{q^2} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & (n) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (n-1) & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \dots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & (1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [n] & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [n-1] & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \dots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & [1] \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{diag}(q^n, q^{n-1}, \dots, 1)$$

$= q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(EK^{1/2})$ , and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ (1) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (2) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & & \dots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & (n) & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ [1] & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [2] & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & & \dots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & [n] & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{diag}(1, q, \dots, q^{n-1}, q^n)$$

$= q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(FK^{-1/2})$ , since

$$\text{diag}(1, q, \dots, q^{n-1}, q^n) = q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(K^{-1/2})$$

and

$$\text{diag}(q^n, q^{n-1}, \dots, 1) = q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(K^{1/2}).$$

At last we conclude that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & (n) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (n-1) & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \dots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & (1) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} = q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(EK^{1/2}),$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ (1) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (2) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & & \dots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & (n) & 0 \end{pmatrix} = q^{n/2} \rho_{1,n}(FK^{-1/2}).$$

Further we observe that

$$X \otimes I + I \otimes X \mid_{S^2(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes I + I \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid_{S^2(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta \rho(1)(X) \mid_{S^2(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \rho(2)(X),$$

$$(I + X) \otimes (I + X) = \exp(\Delta(X)), \quad \sigma_1(1, 1) \otimes \sigma_1(1, 1) \mid_{S^2(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \sigma(1, 2).$$

**Lemma 6** *We have for  $q \neq 1$*

$$\rho_{1,n} = \Delta^{n-1} \rho_{1,1} \mid_{S^{n,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)}, \quad (24)$$

where  $S^{n,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  is  $q$ -symmetric tensor power of  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

**Proof.** For  $n = 1$  we have the following operators

$$\rho_{1,1}(E) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{1,1}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{1,1}(K) = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = q^H.$$

For  $n = 2$  we get

$$\rho_{1,2}(E) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [2] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [1] \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{1,2}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ [1] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [2] & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho_{1,2}(K) = \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q^{-2} \end{pmatrix}$$

We have  $\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(E)) =$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{1,1}(E) \otimes \rho_{1,1}(K) + 1 \otimes \rho_{1,1}(E) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q^{-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Further  $\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(F)) =$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{1,1}(F) \otimes 1 + \rho_{1,1}(K^{-1}) \otimes \rho_{1,1}(F) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} q^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ q^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ q^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & q & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(K)) = \rho_{1,1}(K) \otimes \rho_{1,1}(K) = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & q^{-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the  $q$ -symmetric basis of the submodule  $S^{2,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)$  of the module  $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$

$$e_{00}^{s,q} = e_0 \otimes e_0, \quad e_{01}^{s,q} = q^{-1}e_0 \otimes e_1 + e_1 \otimes e_0, \quad e_{11}^{s,q} = e_1 \otimes e_1$$

the operator  $\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(E))$  has the following form:

$$\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(E))|_{S^{2,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [2] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & [1] \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The basis in the space  $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$  is generated by vectors  $e_{kn}$ ,  $0 \leq k, n \leq 1$  where  $e_{kn} = e_k \otimes e_n$ . Operator  $\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(E))$  acts as follows  $e_{00} \mapsto 0$ ,  $e_{01} \mapsto e_{00}$ ,  $e_{10} \mapsto qe_{00}$ ,  $e_{11} \mapsto q^{-1}e_{01} + e_{10}$ , hence  $e_{00}^{s,q} \mapsto 0$ ,

$$e_{01}^{s,q} = q^{-1}e_{01} + e_{10} \mapsto (q + q^{-1})e_{00} = [2]e_{00}^{s,q}, \quad e_{11}^{s,q} \mapsto q^{-1}e_{01} + e_{10} = e_{01}^{s,q}.$$

Similarly we get

$$\Delta(\rho_{1,1}(F))|_{S^{2,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ [1] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [2] & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Delta(\rho_{1,1}(K))|_{S^{2,q}(\mathbb{C}^2)} = \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q^{-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

hence (24) holds for  $n = 2$ . For  $n > 2$  the proof is similar.

**10. The Burau representation**  $\rho : B_n \mapsto \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$  is defined for a non-zero complex number  $t$  by

$$\sigma_i \mapsto \beta_i = I_{i-1} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1-t & t \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus I_{n-i-1}$$

where  $1 - t$  is the  $(i, i)$  entry. Representation  $\rho$  splits into 1-dimensional and  $n-1$ -dimensional irreducible representations, known as *reduced Burau representation*  $\bar{\rho} : B_n \mapsto \text{GL}_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -t & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus I_{n-3}, \quad \sigma_{n-1} \mapsto b_{n-1} = I_{n-3} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -t \\ 0 & -t \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\sigma_i \mapsto b_i = I_{i-2} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -t & 0 \\ 0 & -t & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus I_{n-i-2}, \quad 2 \leq i \leq n-2.$$

**Problem.** Whether the reduced Burau representation  $\bar{\rho} : B_n \mapsto \text{GL}_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$  is *faithful*?

YES for  $n = 3$  (Birman [8]). NO for  $n \geq 9$  Moody [25] Long and Paton [23], Bigelow [6] improved further for  $n \geq 5$ .

**Open problem:** Whether the reduced Burau representation of  $B_4 \mapsto \text{GL}_3(\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}])$

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -t & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -t & 0 \\ 0 & -t & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -t \\ 0 & 0 & -t \end{pmatrix}$$

is **faithful**

## 11. Lawrence-Kramer representations, [20]

$$\lambda : B_n \mapsto \text{GL}_m(\mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}, q^{\pm 1}]), \quad m = n(n-1)/2.$$

The basis in the space  $\mathbb{C}^{n(n-1)/2}$  is  $x_{ik}$ ,  $1 \leq i < k \leq n$ .

**Faithfulness for all  $n$ , Bigelow [7], Kramer [21]  $\Rightarrow B_n$  is a linear group for all  $n$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_k x_{k,k+1} &= tq^2 x_{k,k+1} \\
\sigma_k x_{ik} &= (1-q)x_{ik} + qx_{i,k+1} && \text{for } i < k \\
\sigma_k x_{i,k+1} &= x_{ik} + tq^{k-i+1}(q-1)x_{k,k+1} && \text{for } i < k \\
\sigma_k x_{kj} &= tq(q-1)x_{k,k+1} + qx_{k+1,j} && \text{for } k+1 < j \\
\sigma_k x_{k+1,j} &= x_{kj} + (1-q)x_{k+1,j} && \text{for } k+1 < j \\
\sigma_k x_{ij} &= x_{ij} && \text{for } i < j < k \text{ or } k+1 < i < j \\
\sigma_k x_{ij} &= x_{ij} + tq^{k-i}(q-1)^2 x_{k,k+1} && \text{for } i < k < k+1 < j
\end{aligned}$$

**12. Generalization of 8 and 9 for  $B_n$ .** For  $n = 4$  and  $t = -1$  we have  $\bar{\rho}_4 : B_4 \mapsto \text{SL}(3, \mathbb{Z})$

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$b_1 = \exp(-F_1), \quad b_2 = \exp(E_1 - F_2), \quad b_3 = \exp(E_2).$$

We can show that the symmetric powers  $b_i \otimes b_i \mid_S$  are the following

$$b_1 \otimes b_1 \mid_S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 \otimes b_2 \mid_S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$b_3 \otimes b_3 \mid_S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have for  $n = 5$  and  $t = -1$   $b^{(5)} : B_5 \mapsto \text{SL}(4, \mathbb{Z})$

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\bar{\rho} : B_n \mapsto \text{SL}_{n-1}(\mathbb{Z})$  be the *reduced Burrau representation* for  $t = -1$ .

The *quantum group*  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$  is the algebra generated by  $4(n-1)$  variables  $E_i, F_i, K_i, K_i^{-1}$  with relations as (17)–(19). Let

$$\rho_m : U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1}) \mapsto \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^m)$$

be the highest weight  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n-1})$ -module. Then

$$\sigma_1 \mapsto \exp(-\rho_m(F_1)), \sigma_k \mapsto \exp(\rho_m(E_{k-1} - F_k)), \sigma_n \mapsto \exp(\rho_m(E_{n-1})).$$

gives the representation of  $B_n$  for  $q = 1$  (see (20)).

For  $q \neq 1$  we can obtain formulas similar to (21)–(22).

### 13. Formanek classifications of $B_n - \text{mod}$ , for $\dim V \leq n$ .

In [12] E. Formanek et al. gave the *complete classification* of all *simple representations* of  $B_n$  for *dimension*  $\leq n$ .

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